REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 14 and 17 are pending in this case. Claims 4, 5 and 11-13, which had been withdrawn by the Examiner as being drawn to the non-elected invention, are cancelled herein, but without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application therefor.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner stated that Claim 6 and those claims dependent thereon would be patentable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner rejected all of the other claims then before him under 35 USC §103 as being obvious in view of a new grounds of rejection.

By this Amendment, the entire substance of Claim 6 has been incorporated into Claim 1, thereby putting that claim in condition for allowance. All of the remaining claims in the case were previously dependent on Claim 1 or by this Amendment have been made dependent on Claim 1, and therefore it is submitted that all of these dependent claims are patentable at least for the reasons that amended Claim 1 is now patentable.

Also, it is noted that in the outstanding Office Action the Examiner withdrew the objections to Claim 6, accepted the drawing changes, and withdrew the rejections under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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